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# Labor Draft Passed By House; Unions Plan Renewed Fight

## PAC Drive Will Include Shops

### Memberships and Renewals Show Marked Increase

PAC memberships and renewals are showing a marked increase according to Clayton Rusch PAC chairman who initiated the 1945 membership drive at a general meeting of the organization January 29th. The drive which has been extended to all CIO shops will continue throughout the entire month of February.

Mr. Rusch stated that the drive has shown some early results which he believes is an indication of the interest of the workers in the repeal of the PR system which is being sponsored by the PAC.

Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO regional director and manager of the PAC has asked all members of the CIO in Toledo who are interested in the advancement of social legislation to improve the conditions of the workers to become members of the PAC.

**Urges Workers Join**

"I am positive that everyone is interested in securing social legislation which will increase unemployment, old age and other compensation which the workers now receive. So far, I have not met a single worker who felt that the benefits received were sufficient. Knowing the sentiments of the workers, I cannot urge them too strongly to belong to the PAC which has for its purpose the advancement of these objectives," said Director Gosser.

Petitions are under process of printing for placing the repeal of the PR system of electing city councilmen on the ballot. As soon as the petitions are ready they will be circulated throughout the entire city in a house-to-house canvass.

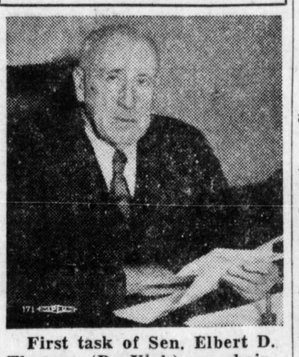
**Seek PR Repeal**

The petitions for repeal of the PR system will seek 13,500 valid signatures of registered voters who were eligible for the Nov. 1944 election. The law requires that in order to qualify a referendum petition, 10 per cent of the qualified electorate at the last general election must sign the petitions.

Members of the committee in charge of the drawing up and circulation of the PR repeal petition do not seem to believe this to be an insurmountable job and express the belief that they can secure 25,000 to 30,000 signatures for the PR referendum.

PAC seeks to retain the present nine men city council and city manager plan, merely substituting the plurality system for the proportionate representation system of electing councilmen.

### Weighs Labor Draft



First task of Sen. Elbert D. Thomas (D. Utah) as chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee will be to pass on "work or jail" legislation. Thomas formerly chaired the Senate Labor and Education Committee. (LPA.)

### Workers Forced To Shift Jobs, Get Wage Relief

WASHINGTON (LPA) — To eliminate the injustices caused by the forced shifts of workers from non-essential to essential jobs, recently ordered by War Mobilizer Byrnes, the War Labor Board has changed its hiring wage policies.

Previously, 75% of new workers hired had to be taken on at the minimum rate for the job classification. Under this rule, workers moving from non-essential to war production jobs often had to take a serious cut in wages.

Now, WLB has revised its rules so that an employer who has WMC's approval may pay above the minimum wage, to workers certified by the USES as coming most recently from non-essential jobs, or laid off by essential plants.

### Court Ruling May Affect UAW Vote

DETROIT, Feb. 6 (LPA) — Fate of the no-strike pledge of the United Auto Workers-CIO now rests in the hands of its 1,200,000 members who are participating in a nationwide referendum on whether to retain or junk the promise of no wartime work interruptions.

Deadline for ballots is Feb. 17, but members in the armed services have an additional 11 days.

Supporters and opponents of the pledge have waged vigorous radio and leaflet campaigns with CIO President Philip Murray and UAW officers making personal appeals for retention of the pledge.

CIO officials are concerned about two recent events which, they say, may have considerable effect on the voting. These are:

1)—The Federal Court ruling in the Montgomery Ward case which held that the President's seizure of the Ward properties for defying the government was unconstitutional, and that the War Labor Board's powers were only advisory.

2)—The resolution passed at the last UAW executive board meeting calling on the CIO to withdraw all its representatives from the national and regional War Labor Board. This action, resulting from WLB's failure to relax the Little Steel wage freeze, would lead to the sudden death of the Board, as happened once before, early in the defense program.

### No Union Dues For Soldiers

CAMDEN (LPA) — Honorary membership without initiation fees or dues will be given to all servicemen who are furloughed to take shipyard jobs, it was announced last week by the Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers-CIO.

## URWDSEA Plans Council

Plans for the creation of a Joint Council were approved together with a proposed constitution at a meeting of the stewards of the three Toledo URWDSEA-CIO Locals held at the Commodore Perry Hotel, Feb. 4.

Both the resolution requesting the creation of the Toledo Joint Council and the constitution were given the unanimous approval of the stewards and recommended to a meeting of the general membership which will be held at the URDWSEA headquarters, 215 Summit St. Feb. 14th.

Reports of actiivties during 1944 were given by Ralph Aiello, International union representative and Ivo Erwin, President of Local 363.

Report of organizational work among cafeteria and restaurant workers was given by Mr. Aiello who told of increased benefits to the employes in the way of better working conditions and increased wages.

**Erwin Reports**

In his report, President Erwin stressed the difficulties faced by the union in its War Labor Board cases and told of the delays brought about by disputes in which the various governmental agencies play a part in frequently slowing prompt processing and hearing of the cases by the WLB.

Mr. Erwin complimented the stewards of the various shops represented at the meeting and spoke hopefully of the future. He expressed the opinion that th time would come when all Toledo department store workers would be mmebers of the CIO and through it secure the increased benefits which should be their's.

O. J. Pecord, managing editor of the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL spoke of the part which the labor press was playing in presenting labor's side of the news to the workers and in combatting the work of the anti-labor forces of the country. He also spoke of the PAC and urged the stewards as the leadership of their shops to belong to the movement which was playing an important part in advancing a progressive program of social legislation.

Dr. A. E. Lyons, professor of economics at Mary Manse and attorney David Guberman spoke briefly to the steward group.

A buffet luncheon was served following the meeting.

### Navy Wounded Defend Labor; Note Workers'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (LPA Special) — War wounded sailors and marines at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., know the home front score too well to be taken in by anti-labor propaganda and vilification of 4-F's and war workers.

"Let's Not Be Suckers," urges the "Naval Medical Center News' in an editorial.

"Too many of us lose sight of the fact that life on the home front is not all sweetness; that our wives, sweethearts, mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters all have tribulations and discomforts comparable to those endured by us" the paper said.

"They too have their 'battle casualties' that FAR OUTNUMBER those of the armed forces. Few of us know that 102,000 men and women were killed in war production during the first two years of the war. Over 35,000 were permanently crippled or blinded in the same period, and 9,500,000 suffered lesser injuries while building those indispensable guns tanks, ships and planes.

"Let's not be suckers," the editorial concluded, "for the divide-and-conquer poisonous thoughts of the professional malcontents and political misfits. We're all Americans and we are all in this war to the hilt—whether we are wearing the blue, khaki, or civies."

### NAM. On Our Side!

**WASHINGTON (LPA)— Members of the Senate Military Affairs Committee considering the "work-or-jail" bill almost fell out of their well-padded chairs last week when the Nat'l Ass'n of Manufacturers told the Committee the Ass'n was flatly opposed to the bill.**

**Wondering whether the NAM had sold out to the CIO and AFL, the Committee heard President Ira Mosher declare that the law "will cut, not increase war production."**

## CIO Proposes Tax For Education

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (LPA) —The tremendous number of workers who are moving their families from country areas to the centers of war industry was cited as the major reason for passing a bill alloting $300,000,000 for federal aid to education. This point was made by Kermit Eby, speaking for the CIO before Senate hearing on S.181. Eby was the first labor spokesman to appear on behalf of the bill, which also has the support of AFL teachers' locals.

"It seems reasonable to me," Eby told the Senate Education Committee, "to take the same interest in the children who move across a state line as we do in agriculture products and livestock, which we insist must meet certain quality standards."

Eby pointed out that in four to five years, "terrific" pressures wil be brought to bear on the school system of the country, as soldiers return to get further schooling, the bumper crop of "war babies" begins school, and the boys and girls under 17 who have gone to work return for a few more years of education.

Wealth should be taxed where it is, to help educate children where they are, Eby said. He pointed out the injustice of forcing the poorest states — especially those in the South — to bear the brunt of educating a large part of the nation's young people.

## Gosser Announces Changes

International representative changes made recently by Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO regional director were announced this week by the regional office.

Carl W. Schick who is in charge of competitive shops is now engaged in organizational work in the skilled trades in the Toledo area. Mr. Schick states that his work has been greatly aided by skilled workers who have come to him voluntarily and signed up with the UAW-CIO after having had experience with another union.

Dorsey Carr has been transferred to Sandusky where he has charge of organizational work in several plants.

Prior to his transfer, Mr. Carr was successful in organizing and assisting Harold Tull in the Miami Valley.

### 3,309,607 Employed By U. S.

WASHINGTON (LPA) — A total of 3,309,637 civilians were employed by the U. S. Govt. at the end of 1944. Of these, 449,900 were on the Federal payrolls outside continental U.S.

### Target For Reactionary Snipers

Henry Wallace (top) who has been the target for congressional reactionaries because he believes in the destiny of the common man has won the complete support of labor in his fight to obtain congressional approval as head of the Department of Commerce. Heckled by Senator George (D. Ga.) below (right) and criticized by Jesse Jones, (left) former secretary of the Commerce Department, Wallace proved to be more than a match for his detractors. His appointment now seems assured of senate confirmation. (LPA Photo).

## Security Emphasized At Stewards' Meeting

### Gosser Urges Cooperation And Unity In Union Ranks

Cooperation and unity were urged by Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO regional director, as the principal ingredients for success in the fight for greater security for the workers, in a talk before the First Annual Local 12 Stewards' Dinner at the Commodore Perry Hotel Wednesday night.

Director Gosser reviewed the history of the Auto Workers in Toledo and outlined the gains which had been made, step by step, to the advancement that has come about through unity and cooperation. He outlined the evolution of collective bargaining since the formation of the UAW-CIO.

"We thought we were winning something when the company agreed, following our first strike, that it would sit down at a table and talk with us. Today, we have become more powerful and management respects us," said Mr. Gosser.

**Points To Dangers**

Pointing to the dangers that face the workers, the UAW director said, "We are not able to save enough to take us through life after we are too old to work. The workers, because of this, are unable to meet emergencies such as sickness and injuries when they occur. We talk about security. We believe everybody wants security, yet, it can only be won by a hard and long fight."

Mr. Gosser pointed out the necessity for the workers interesting themselves in the legislative efforts that are being made to increase unemployment and old age benefits and said, "Millions of letters should be flooding Washington and Columbus from the workers. I know how the congressmen and state rep-

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## Industry, Agriculture Join Labor In Opposition To Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (LPA)—Organized labor lost its battle against legislation to draft workers for private profit, in the House of Representatives last week, but promptly renewed the struggle on the Senate side this week. Spokesmen for most of industry and agriculture likewise joined in the fight against the compulsory legislation.

Labor came within a hair's breath of winning in the lower House, but a powerful drive by Administration leaders and military chiefs finally carried the day for the "May bill" which imposes a "work or jail" labor draft on 18,000,000 male workers from the ages of 18 to 45.

Party lines were shattered in the fight. The final vote for the bill was 246-165. On the majority side, 180 Democrats voted for the bill, along with 65 Republicans and the American Labor Party representatives from New York, Vito Marcantonio. In the opposition were 116 Republicans, 48 Democrats and one Progressive. This is the first time in years that so few Democrats and so many Republicans lined up on labor's side over a crucial issue.

**Real Test Vote**

The real test vote, however, came on a proposed substitute bill, originally drafted by Rep. Frank A. Barrett (D. Wyo.) but modified to conform to organized labor's ideas. This bill would retain the present voluntary manpower controls, and in addition would provide for a re-registration by draft boards of men 18-45 to determine how many are not in war work. Those in non-essential jobs would be urged to take war jobs. Also, the War Manpower Commission would be instruct-

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### PAC Sponsors Valentine Dance

The first dance ever given by the Political Action Committee will be held at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St., Saturday evening, Feb. 10. Dancing will begin at 9:00 p. m.

Valuable door prizes will be awarded the winners of lucky tickets. Prizes will also be given the winners of dancing contests including the old fashioned waltz and jitterbugging.

Members of the committee in charge of the dance are Margaret Merritt, chairman; Loretta Schillinger, vice-chairman; Lillian Watson, secretary; Wm. Healey, Arnold Shenofsky, Anita Mau and William Klockowski.

Tickets may be obtained from any members of the committee or may be purchased at the door.

Chuck Truckee's band will furnish the music.

### Champion Committee Honored

National recognition was given to the Champion Spark Plug Co. Transportation Committee in the current issue of OPA's Transportation News. The committee's outstanding characteristic, says the News is that it "functions as a committee."

The committee unique in that it is composed entirely of union members is made up of Bruce Melvin, chairman, Wayne Wisebaker, vice-chairman and Irene Cherry, secretary all members of Local 12, UAW-CIO.

Says the News, "their duties are many and varied, but the vigor and diligence with which they attack their assignment has been steady and constant." The car-sharing average for the plant of better than 3.5 tops the national average of 2.89.

### ATTA BOY HOMER

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 5— Homer A. Ramey representing the 9th Ohio congressional district voted against the May-Bailey bill to draft labor in a roll call vote conducted in the House of Representatives last week.**

**Representative Ramey is serving his second term here and is being closely watched by the strong labor unions of Toledo.**

## U. S. Moves To K O Sewell Avery

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (LPA)—Montgomery Ward's victory in the Chicago Federal Court which ruled illegal President Roosevelt's seizure of the mail order firm's properties will be as short-lived as the Justice Dept. and the CIO can possibly make it.

While the Justice Dept. moved with top speed to get a reversal of the Chicago decision from the U. S. Supereme Court, CIO President Philip Murray pledged the CIO's support morally and financially" to the Ward workers from Sewell Avery twice forced out on strike.

At the same time it was believed that Murray was preparing to name a special director to correlate all of CIO's activities in support of the Ward workers who are members of the United Retail Wholesale & Dept. Store Employees-CIO. The CIO is also ready, it was believed, to appropriate a large sum to insure final victory in the case.

**Sullivan's Errors Charged**

In Chicago the Justice Dept. charged that Federal Judge Sullivan was wrong on no fewer than 29 findings of fact and conclusions of law and judgment in ruling the seizure illegal.

Meanwhile Ward's was slapped down once again last week for unfair labor practices in an intermediate report released by the Natl. Labor Relations Board. Ward's was charged with firing six Kansas City workers who refused to handle shipments from a struck Chicago plant; with coercion and intimidation of its union employes, and with spying on and discrimination against union members.

The report recommended not only that the discharged workers be offered "immediate and full reinstatement to their former positions without prejudice to their seniority" but also that the company should make up for any loss of pay.

Probably the most bitter pill for the company to swallow, however, was the recommendation that it be compelled to post for 60 days in conspicuous places throughout its Kansas City plant and retail store a poster announcing that the company will no longer engage in the anti-labor practices with which it was charged and that employes are free to become members of the URDWSEA-CIO without fear of discrimination.

### Wartime Strikes At All-Time Low

**WASHINGTON LPA) — Despite all of the anti-labor crying about wartime strikes, the Dept. of Labor has never been able to find as much as 3-tenths of one per cent of the working time in any wartime year that has been lost by strikes. Last year only 0.10% of total time worked was lost by strikes; in 1934 it was 0.15%; in 1942 0.05% and in 1941 it was 0.32%.**

## Labor Vets Plan To Bring Labor Legion Together

CHICAGO, Feb. 5 (LPA)—A five-point program designed to bring about closer relations between the American Legion and organized labor was advanced last week by the Nat'l Conference of Union Labor Legionnaires, a national organization with 122 labor posts in nearly every state.

The program has been submitted to the CIO, AFL, Railroad Brotherhoods and United Mine Workers as a suggested basis for discussion at a Legion-Labor Conferences scheduled for Washington in March.

1. The American Legion should foster, not hinder, formation of trade union legion posts throughout the country.

2. The American Legion can best carry out its frequently announced policy of placing the winning of the war above everything else, by giving full official and public recognition to the fact that labor's achievement in World War II is without precedent in the history of mankind.

3. The American Legion should invite annually the presidents of the CIO, AFL, RRB and UMW as guest speakers at the Legion convention, and these labor organizations should invite the Legion commander to speak at their conventions.

4. The National Legislative Committee of the Legion should appoint a subcommitte on labor to study, interpret and make recommendations in regard to all pending legislation, federal and state, relating to or affecting organized labor, and such finding should be effectively publicized.

5. The Natl. Post War Planning Committee of the Legion should meet and work with the veteran's committees of the AFL, CIO, RRB and UMW so that some uniformity in postwar planning may be achieved and so that the trade unions and the Legion may join hands to protect his (the veteran's) rights and security in the postwar world.

Each of the program's five points is buttressed by examples and arguments. Substantiating the first point, the Conference asked for "an immediate investigation to determine the cause of arbitrary refusals by State Legion Depts. to grant charters to honorably discharged veterans who seek the right to form posts composed of certain minority groups." Instances of AFL and CIO groups being denied charters were cited.

## UWA Conference To Discuss Labor Problems

Two of the principal topics for the UAW-CIO regional conference which will be held in Toledo tomorrow will be the War Labor Board and the May-Bailey bill to draft labor. The agenda planned by the regional office will begin at 10:00 a. m. at Local 12 headquarters and will continue throughout the day.

More than 185 shop representatives from Northwestern Ohio will attend the meeting, the first held this year.

Dr. A. E. Lyons, of Mary Manse College will give a welcoming talk to the delegates. Richard Gosser, Director of Region 2-B will preside at the sessions and report the action of the recent International Board in asking the CIO to withdraw its members from the WLB.

Important on the agenda is the subject of the returning veterans. Actions taken by the various Locals in the organization of veterans committees to assist the returning servicemen will be reported.

Other subjects which will be included in the agenda are Production Problems, manpower, wage scales, skilled workers and veterans seniority protection.

All International representatives will make their regular quarterly report to the delegates present at the conference. Organizational work, settlement of contracts and other subjects pertinent to their duties will be reported.

Political action in the region will receive the attention of the conference. Plans are being considered to enlarge upon the PAC throughout the region.

Discussion of the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL as the official CIO newspaper in Northwestern Ohio will be conducted following a report of the papers progress during the past quarter.

Refreshments will be served following the afternoon session.

# Speedy Action Seen For Permanent FEPC

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (LPA)—Quick action on a bill to prevent job discrimination because of race, creed, color or natural origin is expected in the House of Representatives.

The House Labor Committee has virtually agreed on a bill for a permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission and will hold a full meeting on Feb. 13, at which time a favorable vote is expected. Chairman Mary Norton set this date for committee action last week.

Basically, the permanent FEPC bill will be the one sponsored by hundreds of labor, Negro, church and other organizations, working through the Council for a Permanent FEPC. Sponsors of the bill in the House include: Charles M. LaFollette, (R, Ind.); Charles R. Clason (R, Mass.); Everett M. Dirksen, (R, Ill.); Joseph Clark Baldwin, (R, N. Y.); John M. Vorys, (R, Ohio); William L. Dawson, (D, Ill.); Frank E. Hook, (D, Mich.); Adam C. Powell, Jr., (D, N. Y.); Mrs. Helen Gahagan Douglas, (D, Cal.); Frank Bender, (R, Ohio) and Clyde Doyle, (D, Cal.).

A subcommittee of the House Labor Committee has already incorporated in this bi-partisan bill the preamble and several minor changes taken from a bill proposed by Chairman Mary Norton (D, N. J.).

**Not Fair Test**

The defeat by a vote of 148 to 113, of a no-discrimination amendment to the "work-or-jail" bill on Feb. 1 is not considered a fair test for the idea of a permanent FEPC, the bills' sponsors assert. They have reiterated that they were not responsible for its introduction. The amendment, introduced by Rep. Clason (R, Mass.) was considered by many Administration supporters to be a hindrance to passage of the slave labor bill.

Clason's amendment to the labor draft bill would have provided that no employer could get labor who discriminated for reason of race, creed, color or national origin. Every employer who wished to get forced labor for turning out war goods would have had to certify to the director of war mobilization and reconversion that he did not discriminate, if the Clason amendment had gone through.

Meanwhile, the wartime Fair Employment Practice Committee, set up by executive order of President Roosevelt, issued its summary of 1944 activities on Jan. 31.

The committee had brought before it during the year 3,855 cases of charging discrimination. During the twelve months, it closed 3,712 cases. About one-third of those that were closed were settled satisactorily, according to FEPC chairman Malcolm Ross.

On the first day of 1945, there were 2,054 cases pending. This is slightly higher than the number of pending cases a year ago.

# Labor Draft Passes House

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ed to investigate manpower hoarding in over-staffed plants.

The battle for this substitute was led on the floor by Rep. Forrest A. Harness (R. Ind.) and when the showdown came it was defeated by only the narrow margin of 187 to 177 on a tellar count.

It is anticipated a similar substitute will be offered on the Senate floor when the May bill comes up there.

Another hot fight occurred over substitute proposed by Rep. Jerry Voorhis (D. Calif.), which would have given the force of law to the present regulations of the War Manpower Commission. This, however, was defeated by a much larger majority of 205-71.

Pressure by the White House and by Administration leaders —notably by Speaker Samuel Rayburn—also resulted in the defeat of all proposed amendments to the bill.

**Diders Defeated**

One of those licked was a rider which would have virtually nullified union shop contracts in plants to which drafted workers are assigned. Another was the "FEPC amendment" which would have barred discrimination against workers because of race, creed or color. The first was rejected by 178 to 142, and the second by 148 to 113.

Many other minor amendments were crushed under the Administration steamroller. Had any of them been enacted that would probably have resulted in defeat of the May bill. Administration wheelhorses knew that, and fought desperately to keep the measure clear of amendments.

As the bill stands, it freezes male workers from 18-45 in their present jobs, requiring them to get permission from draft boards to leave. Also, the boards may require workers in non-essential jobs to shift to war jobs where manpower shortages exist. Workers who violate the regulations are subject to fines of up to $10,000 or jail terms up to five years, or both.

Various "sops" to labor were included to sugar up the bill—such as provision for payment of transportation expenses of transferred workers and protection of seniority rights — but these concessions failed to diminish labor's opposition to the idea of a labor draft for private profit.

Despite the final passage of the May bill by a substantial majority in the House, labor chiefs predicted that a good chance still exists of defeating the measure in the Senate. In any event, a knockdown and dragout battle in the Senate over the bill is assured.

# Security Is Emphasized At Dinner

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resentatives are impressed with such requests and they will pay attention to us."

Warning the Local 12 leadership of the temporary unemployment which faces the country immediately following the defeat of Germany, Mr. Gosser said, "17,000 people will be laid off in Toledo plants following victory in Europe. Your hours will be reduced from 52 or more to 40 with a reduction in your pay and you'll be hard put to get by."

**Seeks More Benefits**

"When these things occur, increased unemployment benefits would aid those temporarily unemployed. Not only that, but increases should be granted to take care of the millions of workers when their hours are reduced."

Continuing, the UAW head said, "We must make a fight for these things if we expect to get them. You people, the leadership in the shops, must go back to your people and tell them about these things. Without your support and cooperation and their's we cannot gain the security which we must have."

Director Gosser outlined the future of Local 12 and said that it could go far if unity and cooperation were continued in the future as they had been in the past. "Our fight," he said, "is for freedom from want."

**Schultz Presides**

Melvin Schultz, Local 12 president, chaired the meeting which followed the dinner and told of the services and benefits which membership in Local 12 brought the workers. He said that the dinner would be an annual affair and expressed the hope that the union would continue on the road of progress to greater accomplishments.

Entertainment was furnished by Chuck Truckee, Arnold Shenofsky, Jean and his guitar, Joe Adamski and his juvenile acrobats, and Betty Jane Ball.

Joseph Shea and Melvin Lazette were in charge of arrangements for the dinner.

## CIO Hero Cited By Army

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The heroism of a member of the United Steelworkers-CIO in risking his life to remain at his radio station on Biak Island has been rewarded with the Army Silver Star, it was revealed here last week. Technician 4th Grade Harry M. Sayka, of Gary, Ind., whose father is also a member of the USW-CIO stuck to his radio post on the island to summon aid or a battalion threatened with destruction by Japanese fire.

## Extra Pay For 6th Day O.K.

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The notion held by some employers that time-and-a-half pay for a sixth day's work can only be ordered by the War Labor Board when it has already been established by custom or union contract was demolished last week by the WLB. Over objections of industry members of the Board, the WLB awarded time-and-a-half (and also vacations with pay) to 1500 members of the United Rubber Workers-CIO at the St. Mary's Manufacturing Co., St. Marys, Ohio.

## Skilled Trades To Meet

Members of the Greater Toledo Tool, Die and Maintenance Council will hold their regular meeting at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St. Monday, Feb. 12 at 8:30 p. m.

Members of the second trick will meet at Local 12, Parlor I, Thursday, Feb. 15 at 10:00 a. m.

Wages scales and skilled trades problems will be discussed.

# Political Action

by Clayton Rusch
*Chairman of the Political Action Committee*

I wish through this column to urge everyone to write to Attorney General Biddle commending the work of his Special Assistant, John O. Rogge and urge that the sedition trials which were halted at the death of the trial judge be resumed.

The people to be tried include such notorious characters as Lawrence Dennis, Elizabeth Dilling, Eugene Santuary and Joe Williams whose fascist leanings have, on more than one occasion, been exposed. If the blood of the flower of American Manhood is spilled on the battlefield in the endeavor to preserve the democratic way of life, then surely those who would destroy democracy should not be protected from exposure and punishment.

Leaders of workers movements, such as the CIO and PAC must be able to bear careful scrutiny as the industrialists make it a point to see that our leaders are periodically investigated. We feel that some of this effort should be expended to prevent the spread of incipient Fascism in America which stems from the very group who are always trying to put the subversive label on the champions of the workers. All the members of the CIO and PAC and the entire working population should demand that the sedition and conspiracy trials be resumed. Address your letters to Attorney General Biddle, Washington, D. C.

**1945 DRIVE**

The 1945 membership drive is now in full swing and the memberships are coming in. There are many people who say they have not been approached to buy a 1945 membership ticket. It takes time to get every department covered. In the smaller shops it may be that your Local or Unit has neglected to select a PAC representative for your shop. As soon as someone raises the question a PAC representative will be appointed or elected, to obtain PAC membership applications through this office to sell in the shop.

Anyone who wishes to take out membership is not required to wait for the particular representative, for we also sell memberships at the PAC office. Membership is only one dollar per year and includes membership in the National, State and County PAC as well as in your neighborhood Ward or Township Club.

**PROGRAM**

Our program is SOCIAL LEGISLATION to insure — **Full Employment, Adequate Social Security measures** and **Protection of Civil Liberties** for all. We expect to achieve the realization of this program by seeing that people who believe in it are elected to public office.

We expect to insure the election of progressive legislators on both a **State** and **National Scale** by building Ward and Township organizations which can successfully rally the vote behind the PAC supported candidates.

I again want to remind everyone that the PAC is giving a dance in Parlor A Local 12 Hall on Saturday night, February 10. There will be contests and prizes. We want to sponsor social affairs regularly and if this dance is well attended we will sponsor dances often, as a regular part of our entertainment program. So let's make this dance a big success.

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## *Three Freshman and a Veteran*

**Rapidly learning the ropes are these freshman Congresswomen shown with the only woman heading a house committee. All are Democrats. Left to right are: Emily Taft Douglas of Chicago, Chase Going Woodhouse of Conn., House Labor Committee chairman Mary T. Norton of N. J., and Helen Gahagan Douglas of Calif.** (LPA Photo)

# Wallace Vote Gives Reactionaries Victory

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (LPA)—Organized labor and liberal groups suffered their first major defeat of President Roosevelt's fourth term last week as the Senate, by an overwhelming majority of 74-12 voted to cut in two the job of commerce secretary to which FDR has nominated Henry Wallace.

The smashing victory for big business and anti-labor forces came on the George bill which divorced the Federal Loan Agency with its various lending corporations from the Commerce Dep't. Expectations were that the House would also approve the bill.

At the same time the Senate agreed to postpone the vote on Wallace's confirmation to the cabinet post until March 1. Both opponents and supporters of Walace immediately prepared all-out campaigns to sway as many on-the-fence votes as possible during the next three weeks. Wallace supporters were urging that he take the issue to the people with a series of addresses in industrial centers such as Detroit where his labor support is strong.

**Take Grave View**

Union leaders in Washington took a grave view of the 74-12 defeat, expressing fear that it will influence many uncertain votes in both the Senate and House on future legislation concerning labor — such as the "work-or-jail" bill. The six to one majority was seen as presaging an especially close fight on Wallace's confirmation.

Vastly important in deciding the margin of the anti-Wallace vote, it was admitted, was President Roosevelt's last minute message to Congress announcing that he would approve the bill which removed from Wallace's control several agencies which may prove major factors in achieving the postwar goal of 60,000,000 jobs.

Despite the fact that large sections or organized labor opposed the George bill a number of Senators supported by labor voted for it.

That Senate reactionaries considered the George bill vote a promising omen for the drive to block Wallace completely out of the cabinet post was immediately made clear by Sen. Robt. Taft (R. Ohio) who declared, "By March 1 the Senate will have had full time to consider the remarkable repudiation of Mr. Wallace by the great majority of the Senate to hold any important office in the government."

Sen. Listerill (D. Ala.), who along with Sen. Pepper (D. Fla.) fought to the bitter end in opposition to the George bill, told the Senate that, "The real isssue is not that Mr. Wallace is incompetent. It consists in the fact that he is too competent. He is opposed because he is efefctive and those who oppose him fear his views."

## Wages Froze, Profits Boil

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The only part of President Roosevelt's seven-point economic program that has been put into real effect is the wage freeze, the Nat'l Women's Trade Union League pointed out last week. "The limitation on $25,000-a-year executive salaries was rescinded by Congress. Corporate profits have soared beyond predepression boom days. Farmers and meat packers have been given generous subsidies denied in similar proportion to consumers... with the result that prices of consumer goods and services have risen.

## Coincidence of War

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Mrs. Delecia Allard has seen a lot of Army half-tracks come and go at the Whittemore Ordnance Depot Ayer, Mass., where she works on the assembly line. Last week a combat-scarred half-track came into the plant for repairs. Mrs. Allard looked at the dashboard and gasped. Scratched on one of the panels was the name of her son, Pvt. Robert Allard, who participated in the American drive through France and Belgium. Pvt. Allard was wounded in Germany but there was no way to tell whether he had been in the vehicle at the time.

## Insurance Firms Seek Exemptions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (LPA) —Organized labor's gratification over a Supreme Court decision last year which held that insurance companies were an interstate business and therefore subject to the anti-trust laws may be short-lived.

Currently being pushed thru Congress at the behest of the powerful insurance lobby is legislation designed to make a special exception of the business and exempt it from prosecution on frequently repeated charges that insurance companies have conspired to set rates unreasonably high and to freeze out competition.

Now before the House Judiciary Committee is a bill which declares that the Sherman and Clayton anti-trust acts "shall not apply to the insurance business or to acts in the conduct thereof." The same bill was passed by the Senate on Jan. 25.

President Roosevelt, on Jan. 8, expressed opposition to preferential treatment for the wealthy insurance firms and asserted that "there is no valid reason for giving any special exemption from the anti-trust laws to the business of insurance."

Both the Senate and the House bills, while exempting the insurance trust from the penalties imposed on other business for conspiring to set prices and force out competitors, held the companies liable for acts of boycott, coercion or intimidation.

## Union Educators On British Mission

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (LPA) —Two outstanding men in the field of union education are scheduled to go to Great Britain, to return the visits by British workers education officials to this country, the Office of War Information announced Feb. 5.

John Connors, director of the Workers Education Bureau of America, will be the first to visit England, as the guest of the British Workers Education Association. Connors has been an active member of the American Federation of Teachers - AFL, first in New Bedford, Mass., and later in the union's national organizing campaign. He was for three years a national representative of the AFL.

Within about three months, a CIO representative is also expected to make a speaking trip to England, to meet with workers' education groups there. Kermit Eby, newly appointed CIO director of research and education, is espected to be the CIO's choice. Eby also has been an official of the AFT-AFL, having served the Chicago Teachers Union as executive secretary for several years.

Two "teams" of three people have come to this country for the Workers Education Association of Britain in the past year. Both groups toured the nation, speaking before central labor bodies and local unions, telling of the great progress made by programs for war workers and members of the armed forces.

## WLB Admits War Workers Downgraded

WASHINGTON, (LPA) — Technological improvements in machines and advancing mass production techniques will inevitably mean that some jobs will be simplified, but this "may warrant reclassification and downgrading, leading to reduction in wages," the WLB warned last week.

Serious disagreements over this problem, the WLB disclosed, "have already arisen in the airframe industry which, in the short space of three or four years has developed into something approaching the modern belt-line type of operation. The aircraft unions are currently protesting against downgrading of large numbers of workers."

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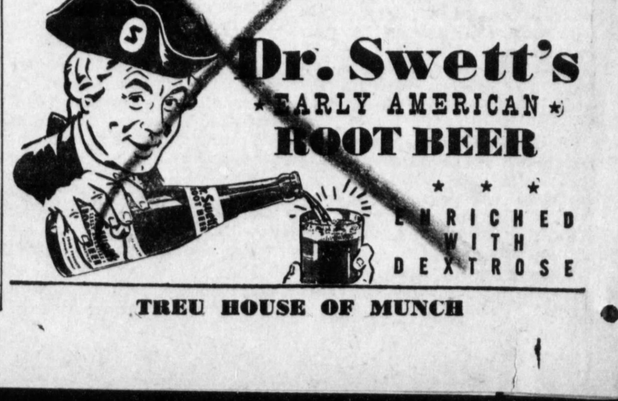


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# Seeing Eye—*W-O Unit*

**JOIN THE PAC**

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This is what Lawrence has to say:

"It (PAC) is the greatest political force this country has ever seen for doing good for the common man, and if every worker, whether he belongs to a union or not would join in this great movement it would be able to elect its own people to office."

Lawrence also praised Sidney Hillman who is the leader of the movement, and a man whom reactionary politicians fear.

Here are some of the things for which the PAC is striving:

1. An annual wage which will give you an assured income on a yearly basis instead of insecurity which you now have on unstable jobs and unemployment insurance which is entirely too little. 2. Increased unemployment compensation to $30 or $35 per week for 30 weeks. 3. Adequate old age retirement pensions increased to give the old people an income on which they can live decently. 4. Health Insurance modeled after the Murray, Wagner, Dingell bill.

Nobody can say these things are impossible to secure. We have made gains in the social legislation field and we must continue to make gains. We can accomplish these things if you will get behind the PAC and either join it now, if you are a member, or renew your membership for 1945 if you have been a member in 1944.

See your steward and get your membership card NOW. You can help yourself and your families by getting behind this great organization which has already made its mark on the American political scene.

**ATTENTION**

Departmental news is not written by Claude Hess. Those who report the news of departments are requested to omit any reference to any person which may lead them to any difficulties. Please keep it clean folks.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Just a few words to our new union members. Make it a point to attend your Unit meetings. This accomplishes several things. 1. It gives you the opportunity to know what is going on. 2. It tends to give you appreciation for the ideals and program of your union. 3. It helps build interest among other members. These are just a few of the many reasons why you should become active union members.

We have many things to offer you which are a great advance over the old days when the workers were a disorganized group who feared the bosses. We urge you to interest yourself in your union and insure the continuation of the union which is interested in your welfare.


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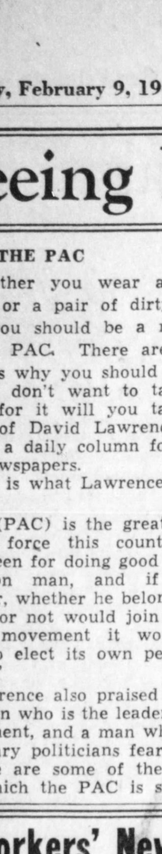

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# The Acklinite

*By Lewis Mattox*

Election of the executive shop committee for Acklin Unit will be held at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St., Sunday, Feb. 11 between the hours of 11:00 a. m. and 6:00 p. m.

Every member of the Unit should make it a point to get out and cast their vote. This is important for it aids in preserving democracy in the union and gives the workers their opportunity to express their preference.

Candidates for election are as follows:

Chairman, Frank Young and Frank Majchrowski; secretary, Ella Clear, Stella Vincewvich and Viola Putbrese; Die Shop committee, Edwin Herroon and Julius Chinni.

Following were nominated for committeemen-at-large: Walter Kaczala, Lewis Mattox, Dominick Cuttaia, Frank Woods, Otto Floyd, Chester Krezeminski, Kathryn Rawling, Frank Wekwert, Dominic Zielinski, Robert Urzykowski, Mary Curtis, Henry Roman, Tony Urbaniak, Louis Aubrey, Dennis Lower, Helen Ziethlow, Hazel Essenbradt, Walter Czerniak and Andrew Rosinski.

Other nominations were Stella Vinchewich and Chester Krzewinski, editor; Frank Young, Chester Krzezeminski, Dominic Cuttia, Lewis Mattox, Mary Curtis and Stella Vinchewvich, welfare committee; Walter Wisniewski, sergeant-at-arms.

## Republicans Can Win 75% Of Labor Vote In 1948, Says Tobin

INDIANAPOLIS Feb. 5 (LPA) — President Dan Tobin, of the Int'l Brotherhood of Teamsters-AFL, last week took sharp issue with an editorial calling for repeal of the Wagner Act which appeared in the January issue of the "International Teamster," official organ of the Brotherhood.

Denying that the editorial reflected his views, Tobin declared "I will never consent to repealing this law which, I believe, if fairly administred, was the greatest legislation ever enacted for freeing the toilers from company unions and from fear of being discharged for joining a union."


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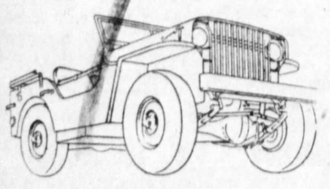

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We extend sympathy to Bro. Bahnsen on the loss of his wife.

I am in possession of a letter from a soldier congratulating Plaskon workers on the stand taken regarding servicemens collection in the plant. He is pleased to learn there was no strike at the plant. He agrees with this column although he doesn't know the author. I consider this quite a reward.

Because of the fact that some might get Goofy ideas, we are holding our election at a later date than was planned. A list of candidates will be posted on the bulletin-board for your consideration, we hope all involved will support those elected in the good old American way.

A wedding or two may occur in the near future. No cigars are available so we will be content with Bull Durham.

Plaskon needs more representation at our P.A.C. and Veterans meetings. Let's get in it for our own good.

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## N.A.M. Scents War Profits

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The Nat'l Ass'n of Manufacturers and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, up to their old tricks, are preparing a drive to butcher the Surplus War Property Act, it was learned last week. Here are some of the things the big business groups want: kill off the ssytem of government priorities; remove the Smaller War Plants Corp. as an "intermediate reseller" of surplus goods; abolition of the present act's antitrust provisions; and a prohibition against local government's obtaining surplus materials that might put them in competition with private business.

## Textile Firm Strikes Against U. S.

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Manufacturers and business firms that deliberately refuse to fill needed war orders are going to get the "works" from now on. War Production Board officials warned last week. Swift penalties were visited on the Deering, Milliken Co. of N. Y. which "last year refused to fill high-priority orders for 250,000 yards of unbleached cotton sheeting needed for military parachutes" the WPB revealed.


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## Spicer Dance Program Set

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Paul Critzer, chairman of the committee announces that sandwiches and refreshments will be served to those attending the dance, which will be open to the public.

## Ohio CIO Challenges Legislature

COLUMBUS, Ohio (LPA) — "Let the states do it!" was the battle cry of reactionaries who killed the Kilgore Bill which would have provided a practical plan for Federal unemployment compensation. The criers for "states' rights" were thrown the challenge last week by the Ohio State CIO, which threw its full support behind an improved unemployment compensation bill. Features of the legislation are: increase weekly benefits from maximum of $16 to $25; extend duration of benefits from 18 to 26 weeks; reduce waiting period from two weeks to one.

## Sharecroppers' Fights Usury

MEMPHIS (LPA)— Southern sharecroppers who are frequently charged 10c on every dollar advanced to them on future crops by cotton plantation owners may find themselves finally freed from such exorbitant interest charges if the Southern Tenant Farmers Union wins four usury suits filed last week at Wynne, Ark. The 10% charge is common, said the SFTU, and "the yearly interest rate often runs as high as 20-40%." If the suits are won the plantation owner will be forced to pay double the amount back to the sharecroppers he defrauded.

## Bridges Deportation Heads For Showdown

WASHINGTON, February 6 (LPA)—The four-year fight by President Harry Bridges, of the Intl. Longshoremen Warehousemen's Union-CIO, against deportation to Australia as an undesirable alien headed for its final showdown last week as the U. S. Supreme Court agreed to review a May, 1942 order by Atty. Gen. Biddle that Bridges leave the country.

Biddle's action was based on a finding that Bridges had been a member of the Communist Party, a claim that the CIO leader has consistently denied. In granting the review the Supreme Court refused to permit the Communist Political Assn. to enter the case in order to support its contention that the Communist Party did not favor violent overthrow of the U. S. Government.


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# Canco Unit Opener

*By Ted Modrowski*

**WRONG NUMBER**

Since the middle of last week we have received numerous calls from persons desiring jobs at the Toledo Automotive Products Inc. It seems Walter Reihle is one of the main gazooks in this outfit and some people are desiring to get in on the ground floor. We would like to remind them that Local 12 does not have the hiring rights there—YET. (In case Walter Reihle reads this we would like to remind him of that money he always talks about. You'll be in a position now Walter, to really dish out the dough if you are sincere in speaking of money in the pocket).

**IMPORTANT**

The next meeting of the American Can Unit, which is Wednesday, is important to all members of the Unit. The Executive Shop Committee is in a position where they can intelligently explain the new Evaluation Plan that has been the main topic of discussion about the plant for the past two weeks. Be there and get your information first hand. It's better that way.

**FROM THE NEWS BOX**

We regret to report that Chester Truchan, one of the many members of the American Can Unit serving in the Armed Forces, has been wounded in action. We hope that the wounds are not of a serious nature and that Chet is up and around before this reaches print. We look forward to the day when Chet and all the other boys return to enjoy the things they have fought so hard to preserve.

Rumor has it that the Canco team in the Local 12 League will be challenged to a match game.

# Sparklets—*Champion Unit*

**NOTICE**
**To all members of the Champion Unit**

I have heard, during the past year, some of the members say "what do I get for my dollar," or "what did the executive shop committee do for us." Let's go back over the past year and point out some of the gains that were made for us.

1. Through a hard struggle, we have put into effect, double time for over four hours on Saturday.

2. A new lighting system throughout the plant, for which we are sure, all employees are grateful.

3. Protective equipment and special clothing for employees, without any cost to them, for a safe and healthful performance of their jobs.

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5. Two weeks vacation with average pay for employees who have worked five years or more. One week for those who have worked less than five years.

6. Average rate for employees who replace an absentee.

7. Modern canteens and lunch wagons throughout the plant. All new equipment in the cafeteria.

8. Minimum rates of pay for piece work employees who have been increased seven to nine cents an hour for females, and three to ten cents for males.

9. Shortening the probation period for new employees.

10. For the boys and girls in service, one weeks average pay when leaving. In the past, they received one week's pay figured at the base rate. This will mean some retroactive pay for all those who are in service. Also, they will receive their vacation checks as if they were working at the plant.

There are many other things, too numerous to mention due to lack of space, that the Union has done for you. Now I would like to ask you **is this worth one dollar a month?**

With big George Holtgrieve finding the bucket for 14 points the Champion Unit Basketball team defeated the American Propellors by the score of 28 to 23 and in so doing moved up another notch in the league standing. It looks like another winning team this year.

Who's dog bit who? We bet that Kenny Burke from Dept. A knows all about it.

Real News: Al Carter rolls his first 200 game in league competition—Good luck, we hope you have many more — now start to work on a 300 game.

One of the boys in the transportation office received a very neat package the size of a carton of cigarettes. — It turned out to be black diamonds. Evidently Ralph Turner reads the evening paper. For more information see DeWayne Wisebaker.

Surprise! Dorothy Mann from Dept. D, was one of the first to arrive at our last stewards meeting. — Nice going Dorothy, keep up the good work.

Why does George, the foreman of Dept. B, cheat the boys out of 15 minutes down-time?? Shame on you, George.

We sincerely congratulate Jane Atwood, who was selected princess in the March of Dimes contest. Lots of luck Janie, when you go to New York, may your trip be one of many pleasures.

## U. S. War Effort Hurt By Profit Conspiracy

NEW YORK Feb. 6 (LPA)—American war production has been obstructed by a conspiracy to restrict production and inflate prices of industrial diamonds used in the manufacture of important machine tools, the U. S. Justice Dept. charged here last week.

In a civil injunction suit brought by the department's anti-trust division nine corporations were accused of having deliberately limited production and sales in the U. S. thereby preventing government agencies from building up stockpiles. Machine tools made with industrial diamonds, it was stressed, turn out scores of different kinds of critical war materials. More than 95% of the world output of gems and industrial diamonds and 99% of Africa's diamond production were involved in the conspiracy. A New York court immediately ordered the "freezing" of millions of dollars worth of diamonds and deposit in N. Y. banks.

The "world cartel" known as the Diamond Trading Co. "has persistently refused," the Justice Dept. declared, "to sell industrial diamonds for stockpiling purposes to agencies of the U. S. seeking to establish stockpiles for military reasons."

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## Fascism In America

Before this war started, there was a hope in the minds of the people that if and when the next war came nobody would profit from it.

After 38 months of war and the greatest productive effort in the history of American industry, corporate and individual profits have risen to heights never before attained and a bumper crop of wealth has been reaped by the owners and managers of industry.

Congress, which showed its great concern for profits in repealing the $25,000 limitation upon incomes, does not show as great concern for the welfare of the American workers who have had their wages rigidly controlled by the War Labor Board. It is willing to consider slave labor legislation which would shackle the workers to the profit-making corporations without considering an equitable sacrifice on the part of the profit makers.

To draft labor in a system where industry remains relatively free, at least to the point where it can make greater profits than ever before, is to create a precedent in time of war which could be used in time of peace.

Hitler drafted German labor in time of peace by first breaking the labor unions. It could happen here.

The first big step will have been taken toward Fascism in America the day that Congress passes a law which forces labor but leaves industry free.

When and if Congress passes the May-Bailey bill, which will control the lives of 18,000,000 workers in this country, we shall have lost the war against Fascism although Germany may give its unconditional surrender.

No amount of logic, no good reasons can be advanced to show that we cannot do voluntarily what our government now proposes to force us to do. When the bill passes which compels the workers of this country to go where the government wants to send them and do what they are told to do, freedom flies out and Fascism rushes in. The day that happens our fight against the forces of evil in Europe and in the Pacific has been lost and our future critically threatened.

We must not be lulled into a feeling of security or placated with any compromise. The May-Bailey bill must be defeated or labor will lose one of its most crucial and significant battles.

## Is Everybody Happy?

At last, the lion and the lamb have laid down together and is everybody happy!

Congressmen, particularly some of those of Republican persuasion who voted against the May-Bailey labor draft bill in the House of Representatives last week, are happy because they had the unique pleasure of voting against a bill which was opposed at one and the same time by both labor and the National Association of Manufacturers.

Labor in the districts represented by the dissenting Ohio congressmen is pleased, because in some cases, such as that of Congressman Alvin Weichel of Sandusky, it was one of the few times he was ever found voting against legislation opposed by labor.

Nobody knows why the National Association of Manufacturers is happy, if it is happy, except perhaps its head men who must have had a good economic reason for opposing the legislation.

At any rate it has been a beautiful sight, or, as we said before, and we use the word in its most literal significance and meaning, it has been a unique situation.

While the vote last week in Congress pleased some people, we regard it in a realistic, rather than a pessimistic light. We doubt very sincerely if the millennium has been reached or is even around the corner. The lamb and the lion do not lie down together and everybody isn't happy!

## Annual Banquet

Complimentary comments from shop stewards and committeemen who attended the first annual Local 12 steward's dinner at the Commodore Perry Hotel Wednesday night, indicate that the affair was considered a success by those who were present.

Officers of the Local are to be congratulated for their initiative in organizing the dinner which gave the leadership of the many Local 12 shops an opportunity to meet socially and dedicate themselves anew to the principles for which the Local stands.

We hope that the dinner will grow with the succeeding years and will be one of the means of bringing about that unity of action and cooperation which was stressed by Regional Director Gosser.

# What's New?

By Edward Duck On Leave With The Army

**Editor's note: Pvt. Duck is winding up his training and is putting in some strenuous days, hence his sergeant is doing his weekly stint for him. Sgt. Casey is a member of the Teamsters Union, AFL.**

**GI JOE SPEAKS**

By Sgt. Joseph J. Casey, Platoon Sgt., Company C, 220th Battalion, 68th Regt., U. S. Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Blanding, Fla.

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My job is training men for the Infantry. It wasn't always my job, and it won't be when this war is over. I have other plans on that score, and so have millions of others like me.

Let's begin at the beginning. I come from Greenwich Village, New York. No doubt you've heard about it before. Everything you've heard is true, and that covers a lot of territory, or at least a multitude of sins, anyway.

I'm thirty-two years old. I have never belonged to the CIO, but many of my friends belong to it. I have been a member of the A.F. of L. Teamsers, for the past fifteen years, I'm strictly "union"—period!

I read the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL every week, and I want to say that it is one of the finest labor papers I've ever seen.

There are lots of CIO men in the Infantry, and it the other branches of service, too. When they come into the service they realize they're all members of one big union, the strongest one in the world—the United States Army.

My union, Local 807, was and is the largest Teamsters' Local in the Country. And we were a plenty touch outfit, too. But that was pre-war. Hell, we used to tie up a job for two cents—that way these "mistakes" didn't happen often. But today, like the UAW, my outfit has been obtaining raises without striking.

The first thing destroyed in the fascist nations of Europe were the labor unions. We don't want that to happen here. I have become awfully compromising since I came into the Army, I guess, but we'll all get what's coming to us when the war's over.—Back to those happy days!

**PROPAGANDA**

Lots of propaganda has been put out, poisoning servicemen's minds against the unions. But not too many have fallen for it. They want ammunition, and war equipment. If they get it, and they haven't been without it thru any fault of the unions, as yet, this propaganda just won't take root. Let's keep up the good work, and get this mess over with!

Soldiers have dreams—even us Sergeants do. Mine is to open a cafe in New York City, on money borrowed thru the G. I. Bill of Rights.

**TRAINING DUCK**

One of the men I'm training here is your former educational director, Eddie Duck. I get my TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL from him. There are quite a few union boys right in our Company, and when they aren't talking "Infantry" they're talking "Union." Some of them don't know what it's all about, and it looks to me like all the unions should do a better job of press-agenting. All the towns aren't organized like Toledo it, but they will have to be, before we get what we want after the war is over.

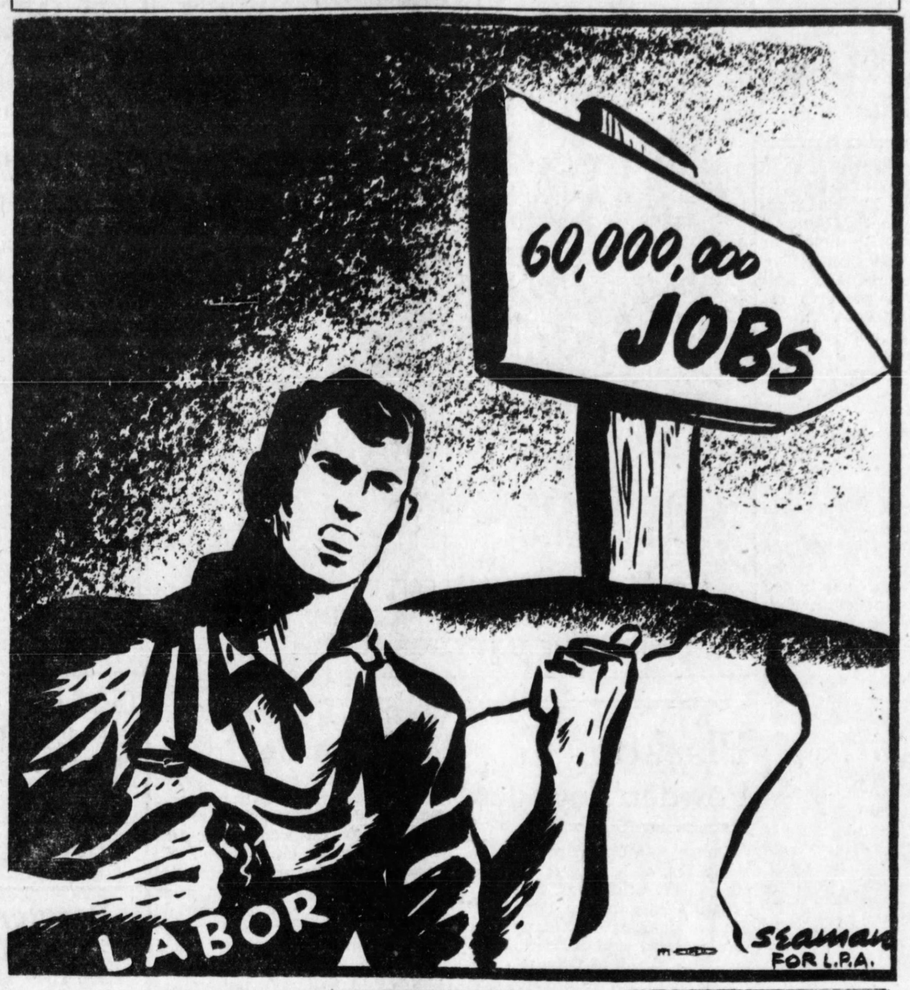
I guess my Teamsters Local must be quite a bit like your Local 12, because when I order these guys around down here I feel like I'm talking to my old boss back home.

Here we teach the men how to walk, talk, eat, sleep, crawl, creep, shoot, stab wrestle, punch, kick, everything necessary to enable him to get the other guy before the other guy gets him. By the time he leaves here, his thought are best expressed by "Let me at 'em!"

Here's one on your organizer, Pvt. Duck: The first morning he arrived here he wisecracked, "Hey, Sergeant, are you going to make a soldier out of me, so I can get the Purple Heart?"

I told him, "Buddy, if I don't make a soldier out of you, you'll get one for sure!" I don't know about the Purple Heart, but after nine weeks of his basic training, it looks like he's going to be a damned good soldier. I'll take the credit for it. (You should see his new waistline — I'm the physical training instructor).

## Going My Way




# It's News To Me . . .

By O. J. Pecord

Do your kids sass you, refuse to go to the store and forget to return the change when they do go? Its because of the New Deal which gave the racketeering unions a chance to organize and live.

If the boys in the Army steal from the government and sell the stuff they pilfer on the French Black market, don't blame it on the boys and their training, but look back to the years when the Roosevelt government encouraged the unions.

If authority is flaunted, if lawlessness and cynicism are the rule of the day, it's because of the years that the government has permitted the unions to conduct strikes, to organize, to bargain collectively, and otherwise carry on their nefarious practices.

And who is the authority for these bold statements? As if you couldn't guess! Of course, you're right—our old pal and lover of labor, Westbrook (Pickle puss) Pegler.

**REVERSE ENGLISH**

It has always been the rule and practice of reformers, labor leaders and others who have been dissatisfied with our economic system and the evils which have grown out of it to attack the "malefactors of great wealth," the bloated plutocrats, the greedy rich, the souless corporations and other corporate and individual holders of great riches and power; but Pegler uses reverse English by attacking the attackers.

Instead of pointing out the evils as being the outgrowth of the unwise use of riches and power, Pegler seeks to fasten the ills of the nation upon labor. This would be a swell deal if he could make it stick; but nobody is fooled except perhaps his bosses who pay him well for trying to defend them and applaud his efforts when they reach new lows in viciousness.

Why do people want to organize into labor unions? Is it because the Federal government under the Roosevelt administration has wanted them to organize? Or isn't it true that unions existed before FDR was elected?

But this entire situation, of people acting like human beings can be from no other source since we have all "grown up under a political regime which, early in its rule, made an alliance with the criminal underworld in the labor movement and which, ever since, has made occasions to honor fakers posing as labor leaders who, actually, have been the accomplices of scoundrels."

**EXPLAINS EVERYTHING**

So that explains everything. All the evil in the world began with the labor unions. If people steal, and kill, and cheat, and lie, and double cross and act like they had never been taught morality, it all stems from labor unions, particularly the CIO for whom Pegler has a very special brand of venom.

Pegler certainly is tapping deep his fountain of viciousness when he ascribes all the ills and evils which he denounces as stemming from the unions. He sticks his pickle puss in the sands and comes up with literary vinegar, which, were it not so ridiculous, would be taken as the ravings of a screwball who has leaned so long in one direction that he has become hopelessly lost in his own searching after ammunition to shoot at the workers organizations.

Frankly, it looks like Pegler has become permenently impaired and that his mental deterioration has reached the point where he is approaching a psychosis which will not readily respond to proper specific psychological treatment. In other words, he's nuts.

**PAYS THE PRICE**

Those who gripe about Pegler's writings should not feel bitter and vindictive. Instead, they should sympathize with a man who has deliberately set out to drive himself screwy. Despite the money he derives from prostituting his literary talents, despite his prominence as one of America's most vicious labor haters, despite his fine home and all the other material gains he has received because of his willingness to become a professional labor hater, Pegler must lead a lonely life.

Those who are willing to become the tools of an economic system which requires men like Pegler, must pay a price for the place they occupy in our society. Pegler is paying for the dollars his hatred of labor brought and is bringing him.

Poor Pegler has sold his soul to Satan. He has made a deal with the powers of evil from which he cannot extricate himself. He has folowed a pattern of life and living which cannot help but rob him of his sanity, and who believes that he is sane?

None should begrudge the pernicious Pegler his returns for he is paying dearly for comprising his mind and soul in a struggle against the natural desires of human beings to organize for their own protection against the people who pay Pegler and despite him as they pay him.

Let the man continue his work. Let him write his wretched mental retchings. Let him prosper and enjoy his ill-gotten gains as best he can. The mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine and he too will pay, even as Judas did for selling out his fellowmen for dirty pieces of unholy silver.

# Servicemen's Letters

**He Apologizes**

Dear Dick

Received your very welcome letter and must admit that I am ashamed for not keeping up a correspondence but due to work, moving and censoring there isn't much to write about. However I know that you would do anything within reason as you have already done that for me after I came overseas. I appreciated that as does my family. I have received cigarettes and thank the people at the plant for them.

Have had very few sick days since I have been in the service, so the health is apparent.

You keep building that stuff and we do our damest to use it to good advantage.

Well the bottoms coming up so I say I hope to remain,

Fraternally yours,
Pvt. Gale Schaifenstien.

**Promises S.O.S.**

Dear Mr. Gosser

Dropping you a few lines to let you know I have been receiving your boxes every month, they are very much appreciated. I would like to thank you and all the members for your very good work in remembering all the boys that have left for the services.

With me everything is fine thanks a lot for offering your kind help. If the occasion arises when I should need some help I surely will let you know.

Must fall out so will close for now.

Sincerely,
Sgt. Eddie Gawlik
A. T. C. Prossing Unit
Mather Field, Calif.

# Editor's Mail

**Applauds Journal**

To The Editor

It's a wonder to me that some of the Local 12 members who belong to the American Legion and help support the Legion Councillor don't write the editor and protest the anti-labor articles which appear in that paper.

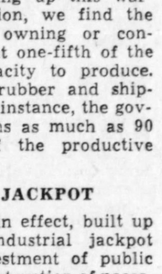
It's a good thing we have the JOURNAL to answer a guy like Tippett. And the paper has done a good job of defending us in other ways too. I know a lot of the fellows have been talking about the Legion paper and they resent the sneaky way it goes about attacking us.

Using letters to beat down labor is as good a way as any to discredit the workers who have produced the materials and equipment for our own and our Allies victories. It's thin stuff.

Get in there and pitch and don't let any of those people who claim to love us, slap us around in print.

Fraternally yours,
Granville F. Day,
Willys-Overland Unit.

# On The Beam



By Clayton W. Fountain

To understand the Wallace wrangle, one must first understand the problems of production and employment that this country will face after the war.

During the war we have increased by one-third our capacity to produce goods. In spite of all its pretty ads in the fancy picture magazines—which, incidentally, are paid for with public funds—private enterprise has contributed very little to this vast expansion of our productive capacity.

From 1940 to 1944, private enterprise kicked in only enough funds to finance about one-sixth of the construction of new industrial facilities. Government investment of public funds accounted for the other five-sixths of this new plant construction.

In reckoning up this wartime expansion, we find the government owning or controlling about one-fifth of the nation's capacity to produce. In aircraft, rubber and shipbuilding, for instance, the government owns as much as 90 per cent of the productive capacity.

**A MIGHTY JACKPOT**

We have, in effect, built up a mighty industrial jackpot through investment of public funds in construction of necessary war plants. Who is going to be paid off with this jackpot after the war? That's the sixty-four dollar question, and that's what the Wallace wrangle is all about.

Private enterprise, with the backing of all the anti-labor, anti-New Deal forces in the country, is out to prevent supervision of the disposal of these plants by a man like Henry Wallace. Big business fears that Wallace would put public welfare ahead of private profit in disposing of these plants.

Why, he might even consider running some of the new plants under public controls, in order to promote full employment and full production.

**LONG-ROOTED ISSUE**

The disposal of these billions of dollars worth of government-owned war plants is the most critical and long-rooted issue of our time.

There is developing in scattered corners of America a progressive pattern of democratic thought which calls for retention of public control of these new plants after the war, as the only guarantee against depression.

This idea, which is based on an economic-political outlook similar to that of the Canadian CCF, expresses itself in the organization of COMMONWEALTH movements in several states. So far, the idea has cropped up in five states, including Michigan, Illinois, New York, Washington and Ohio.

The latest group to develop is the one in Ohio. It came out of a meeting of farm, labor, professional, small business and white collar groups that was held in Columbus on February 3 and 4, and it is known as the OHIO COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE.

**DEMOCRATIC PATTERN**

Two features distinguish these commonwealth movements from previous American attempts to organize third parties devoted to democratic social progress. They follow a strictly small "d" democratic pattern.

First, they proceed on the premise that farm, labor and middle class groups can, and must, unite in one political party, in order to maintain democracy. Second, they do not aim at a "labor government" or total state ownership of the nation's economic resources; on the contrary, they advocate a peoples' government representative of all useful functional groups in our society, and they urge creation of more public corporations, like TVA, and cooperatives, as a road to economic democracy.

More TVA's, more co-ops, and more publicly-owned enterprises would reduce unearned income in the form of profits and dividends, and so swell the buying power of the consumers. This is where the commonwealth idea departs from spend-lend New Dealism. It goes to the root of the economic problem over which the Wallace issue is being waged.

# Regional Views

By Richard Gosser
Director Region 2B, UAW-CIO

**Editors Note:—This is the first of a series of articles on the Union and its purpose.**

While the unions have accomplished many things during the past few years, they cannot accomplish the impossible.

There never will be a day when people will not need to work. The farmers must continue to plant the crops and raise livestock. Somebody must cook the meals. Somebody must build the houses. We must produce so that we can consume.

I hope I never see the day when all the tailors decide that they will quit making clothes. In time, that could be downright embarrassing.

It would be too bad for us if the farmers decided to quit raising their crops and livestock. If the carpenters quit building houses and the coal miners decided to mine no more coal, we would be in a tight spot, especially with the kind of weather we are having this winter.

But some people seem to think the Union isn't doing enough for them. And what do they say? — "I want more money."

**THE OLD DAYS**

I often look back on the old days and wonder if we weren't better off. Why in those days a person who made $100 a month could raise a family of four, five, six or more kids and do a good job of it. But today—well, some of the people I know make two or three hundred dollars and they have a tough time trying to raise a couple of children and make both ends meet.

Of course, we didn't have radios and automobiles and electric refrigerators in the old days, but when anyone needed help the neighborhood got up a basket and sent it over with a few bushels of coal and people seemed to be happier than they are now.

Yes, and I can remember back in the auto plants where the workers had been exploited for years by the auto industry, when there were thousands walking the streets. A lot of us thought we had lousy jobs. We grumbled, but nobody ever quit unless they were fired. If we didn't like anything and complained, and believe me that was rare, the boss told us, "get your card and ring out, there's plenty of other guys willing to take your job."

We couldn't smoke unless we went to the men's washroom and then we had to post watchers to warn us when the boss was coming. I saw men who got so nervous when they were warned that the boss was coming that they actually swallowed their cigarettes.

Has the union changed all that? You're right, it has.

Has the union improved your working conditions and got you more money? You know it has.

Has the union completed its job? No it has not. The union will not complete its job until it gets you security, and that comes only through a long, drawn-out effort.

(to be continued)

# From The Desk

of

Melvin Schultz

President,
Local 12, UAW-CIO

A rather small amount of publicity, up to the present time, has been given to the campaign for peacetime conscription. Our International Executive Board has adopted a worthwhile resolution relative to this proposed legislation. I am quoting the points of this resolution which are as follows:

"I. "These bills are undemocratic and un-American, a direct contradiction of our tradition of freedom."

2. "The present war has demonstrated clearly that the nations best equipped to defend themselves against agression are those most advanced technologically. America's best defense against future agression is, therefore, the development of our natural resources and our technological know-how through a program of full employment and prosperity."

3. "Action now to start building an Army for the 'next' war will be a terrible blow to the fighting faith of our own soldiers who are sacrificing all they have in the belief that the end of this war is the end of all wars. They should have an opportunity to make their voices heard in a decision of this kind."

4. "Some apologists for this legislation have claimed it will relieve unemployment. That is a defeatist attitude which could provide only a partial solution, if that much, to unemployment and would at the same time turn the public mind away from those basic economic measures which organized labor has outlined as essential to national prosperity. The way to full employment is through full production."

5. "We are convinced from the records of the Congressional sponsors of this proposed legislation and of many of its public sponsors, that one of its unstated purposes is to regiment our youth on a mass basis for use as a military strike-breaking, union-busting force."

6. Now is the time to win this war and to build a peace that removes the likelihood of future wars, and not to lose the peace before it is made."

It is not my opinion that this great county of ours should be without the protection of an Armed Force; however, I am firmly convinced that Democracy will be violated beyond the concepts of the founders of our country if such legislation would be enacted the same as would be the principle of free labor if legislation were adopted to conscript labor. To maintain an adequate army in peacetime would require nothing more than to make such an occupation economically desirable as compared to civilian-production jobs. There is no douht that the militaristic life appeals to youth, but in general has had the handicaps and reputation of having no financial future.

This column is much too short to stress all of the many points which should be involved in an argument; however, I feel this is sufficient food for thought.

# 'Keys of the Kingdom' Magnificent; Among Great Pictures of Our Time

## News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

**20th Century-Fox's Superbly Cast, Produced Screen Version of A. J. Cronin Best-Seller Scales New Heights of Emotional Power!**

It is difficult to describe in mere words the tremendous emotional experience coupled with superb screen entertainment that awaits loyal movie-goers with the opening at the Paramount Theatre of 20th Century-Fox's magnificent production of A. J. Cronin's "The Keys of The Kingdom."

For the millions who have read Cronin's heart-warming and provocative story, the motion picture cannot help but raise its dramatic excitement and overwhelmingly powerful impact to the point of an exhilarantingly fresh and enriching experience. To those to whom this wonderful drama of Francis Chisholm, a simple man whose courage moved hearts to undreamed of height is familiar, this picture must come as a double delight.

Script writers, Nunnally Johnson and Joseph L. Mankiewicz (the latter also produced the picture), have wisely put it into biographical form, and in doing so have filled every line, etched every character and paced every scene with a beautiful intensity and dramatic skill of high adventure and deep emotion.

"The Keys of The Kingdom" is the story of Francis Chisholm, a very good and brave man—a very great man—who travelled many roads through many lands in a never-ending search for an ever wondrous secret of happiness. It is the story of his dreams and of many women's longings. It is the story of Nora, the girl he loved, of his desire to protect her frailty, as opposed to his strong desire to devote his life to the church. It is the story of Maria-Veronica, Austrian-born aristocrat, too proud and intolerant to recognize the greatness of a simple man. The incidents leading up to their understanding make some of the most powerfully dramatic moments of the film. And there are many such moments in the picture which travels from England, where Francis spends his childhood, to Scotland and on to China, where Chisholm's mission becomes a battlefield.

**Their love was doomed from the start, but she remained the greatest inspirational force in the life of this man whose faith moved mountains and whose courage gave others new hopes. Gregory Peck and Jane Ball are romantically teamed in A. J. Cronin's "The Keys of The Kingdom," 20th Century-Fox's magnificent filmization of one of the most excitingly discussed best-sellers of our time, which opened this week at Paramount Theatre. Also featured in the story of a man who travelled many roads, through many lands, in a never-ending search for the wondrous secret of happiness are: Thomas Mitchell, Vincent Price, Rosa Stradner, Roddy McDowall, Edmund Gwenn, Sir Cedric Hardwicke and Peggy Ann Garner.**

## Dottie Lamour Takes No Chances

HOLLYWOOD. — It doesn't make sense, but this is the way it is. Dorothy Lamour has played motion picture scenes with every variety of wild animal in the book from alligators to zebras. Now she has just completed a movie that demanded the thespic services of a couple of domestic species and for the first time she balked.

Dorothy's latest film, "A Medal for Benny" is laid in a California coastal town. She is cast as a paisano girl, who supplements a scanty income by keeping chickens and goats. So Paramount's animal scouts procured several crates of live chickens and two goats, as playmates for Lamour. She made no objection to the chickens. One of the goats was a young nanny and the star was about to accept her when she caught sight of the other goat, a bearded patriarch with a leer in his eye.

"No!" said Dorothy. "Definitely not."

And when she was told he really was an amiable old gentleman, she said some more:

"I don't believe it. Look at that expression. He'll butt and I'm not taking any chances."

## Screen Glamour Girls Forsake Fancy Frills

HOLLYWOOD — Filmland's glamour girls have become fugitives from fine feathers in their recent film roles.

What starts these trends is a mystery, but there's not arguing with the fact that in current screen roles Lana Turner, Greer Garson, Joan Crawford, Rosalind Russell, Judy Garland and others who are customarily the most lavishly gowned mamselles of the movies are wearing clothes just like those of the girl next door.

**Lana Sans Fancy Fixin's**

Lana Turner, just out of uniforms which she wore as a WAC in "There Were Three of Us," doesn't go back to fancy fixin's because as a secretary in her current "Week-end at the Waldorf" her clothes are strictly skirt and blouse styles.

Then there's Frances Gifford. She's never before on the screen been anything but a super-charmer. First she wore sarongs, and to good advantage, as Tarzan's girl friend. Then she graduated to sophisticated cafe society types, dressed in the most ultra creations Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's Irene could design for her. Now Frances has gone down to earth as a country school-teacher in "Our Vines Have Tender Grapes." Her clothes are very simple, and in one scene she even wears bobby sox.

**Satins, Sables In Mothballs**

Joan Crawford has been synonymous with glamour since she became a star, but as Mildred Pierce in Warner's "House on the Sand" she portrays a waitress and wears little numbers that shout "bargain basement."

Judy Garland has worn satins, sequins and sables in the past but in her starring role in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "The Clock," she has only three changes of costume and every dress is the $12.95 variety.

Greer Garson, whose exquisite shoulders have been shown to advantage in decollete dinner gowns, is a housemaid in "The Valley of Decision," and her uniforms are anything but the last word in Chic. And she even wears black cotton stockings.

We don't claim that the day of Hollywood's glamour girls is on the wane, but at the moment they're forgetting their frills and furbelows.

## *Novel Dress Room Gift For Garland*

HOLLYWOOD — Something new in the way of portable dressing-rooms appeared on the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer lot this week — a gift to Judy Garland who celebrates her tenth anniversary as a screen personality, and her twenty-third srceen role with the start of filming on "The Harvey Girls."

The dressing room is completely new in design, resembling a small library on wheels. The room, done in dark wood and red leather, has easy chairs and bookshelves. Lamps stand on attractive tables. The dressing-room portion is separated from this sitting-room by sliding panelled doors.

**SELENA GATHERS TALENT**

Selena Royle, a contract player, could also make good as a booking agent. As vice-chairman of the camp and hospital division of the Los Angeles Red Cross, Selena has arranged some 80 shows for servicemen at Birmingham and Torrance Hospitals and at Fort MacArthur since returning from location at Camp Chelan with the "Hold High the Torch" company.

**IRENE GOWN A HIT**

Three year old evening gowns proved the sensation of Marlene Dietrich's European camp tours. The facts were contained in a combination Christmas card to Irene from Miss Dietrich—somewhere in Germany.

The star explained to Irene that her entire wardrobe consisted of Irene gowns, designed and made three years ago.

## *Betty Hutton Fans See Double*

HOLLYWOOD. — Film fans have caused Betty Hutton to mail out the oddest fan photo in screen history.

Because theater-goers have read that the Blonde Blitz is playing twins, one red-headed, the other blonde, in Mark Sandrich's Paramount musical, "Here Come The WAVES," they have demanded pictures of the star in both coiffures.

In order to keep everyone happy, Betty has had a special photograph made which shows her both as herself (blonde), and wearing a red wig. She has already mailed out more than 20,000 of these composite pictures.

## *Kin Of English Actress V-Bombed*

HOLLYWOOD — For the 3rd time, Fay Holden's sister and brother-in-law, the Bill McQuades, have been bombed out of their London homes.

Two years ago, their theater in the heart of the Engilsh city was completely demolished ten minutes after a show has ended. Next their home in London was hit and destroyed. About four months ago, they bought a small cottage in the Hempstead Garden suburbs and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer actress was notified that a robot bomb drew it as a target. All their personal belongings and household furnishings were ruined.

Again they were lucky, however, for they had left the house a few minutes before the bomb struck.

**SHY SINGER SOUGHT**

A brand new singing leading man will be given a chance for stardom in the new Abbott & Costello comedy, "Close Shave."

Because of plot requirements, the juvenile lead in the picture must be a new face, unknown to picture goers. He must be a goo dsinger, with a shy and appealing personality. Search for the fortunate young man is now being conducted.

## Gales of Laughter Greet Film Comedy

With a sure-fire lineup of comedy players and a production that is as smooth as silk, Holywood's newest laugh-spree hit the screen this week at the Esquire Theatre. The new film is "3 Is A Family." It is an adaption of John Golden's long-running stage play which created a tremendous hit in New York for several seasons. Sol Lesser, who made "Stage Door Canteen" the most talked-about-picture of 1943, produced the film, with Edward Ludwig directing.

Blonde, blue-eyed Marjorie Reynolds plays to perfection a leading romantic role as the daughter who comes home to Grandpa with her twin baby daughters for the duration, and thus causes a whirlwind of tumultuous action to take place. Handsome Fred Brady, borrowed from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, plays the role of Daddy, opposite Miss Reynolds.

**The gentleman with the pipe is Charlie Ruggles, who has the role of Grandpa in Sol Lesser's "3 Is A Family," now showing at the Esquire Theatre release through United Artists.**

The inimitable Charlie Ruggles plays Grandpa, Fay Bainter is the streamlined Granny and champion comic strip player, Arthur Lake, who is Dagwood of the Blondie series, is their son. Hattie McDaniel, Academy Award winner of 1940, is cast as an unnamed maid. Others in the unbeatable cast are Helen Broderick, as maiden aunt, Miss Jeff Donnell (Arthur Lake's other half), and last, but far from least, those amazing identical twins, Donna and Elissa Lambertson, nine months' old apiece, who are scene stealers of the very first order.

With the housing husband and maid shortage due to the war, the theme hits the current domestic scene all over the country right in the nose, and will appeal especially to young people who have found themselves in similar fixes, or oldsters who have been moved in on willy nilly. The prevalence of prospective mothers on the scene today is also played up with highly amusing results, especially in the case of Jeff Donnell, whose anxious hubby, Arthur Lake, has everybody in a constant dither.

Charlie Ruggles gives another of his superlative comedy performances as the Grandpa upon whom most of the household difficulties fall after daughter's arrival with the twins, and, as always, Fay Bainter is charming and convincing as a career woman who supplies the household with the socalled necessities of life. As the maiden aunt, Miss Broderick gives forth with the dry wit and dead pan that have made her fortune to date. The rest of the cast, including pretty Cheryl Walker, who was one of the young stars launched by Mr. Lesser in "Stage Door Canteen," is excellent.

"3 Is A Family offers a steady succession of laughs. It is recommended for every member of the family—including the maid, if you're lucky enough to have one.

## *Way Out In Front*

**SUSAN PETERS jumped from high school into films and made such a big splash that M-G-M now has her down on their "preferred stock" list. She next displays her talents in that studio's "There Were Three Of Us," a story of the WAC starring Lana Turner.**

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## From The Rule Book

By Wilbert "Birdie" Rule
Director of Education and Recreation

Many tales of heroism and athletic prowess are told these days of our former college athletes, who have been enrolled in the military services of the United States government. I would like to relay this story to you, concerning one such young man who went through his share of war's hell, and who, through the Grace of God, returned home to tell about it.

"Birdie" Rule

Ross Willard, University of Michigan track team member, and advanced Navy training student at that college, was on a mine sweeper for eight months in the Mediterranean and took part in the invasion of Sicily. His ship and many of his mates were blasted to destruction by enemy dive-bombers. However, he and six of his buddies were unhurt when they were blown into the sea, within sight of the shell-blasted beaches of the Sicilian coast.

Seaman Willard and his shipmates swam through the bullet-splashed sea for four never-ending hours. Finally they were picked up by a destroyer. Willard was sent back home for a rest and was recommended for officers training at the University of Michigan.

Yet not so many months ago, Ross Willard never dreamed of attending college, neither did he dream of competing in college athletics, for that matter. That fateful dawn of the invasion of the Sicilian coast was still too fresh in his mind.

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A feature of the American League spring training schedule is the six-game series, starting April 1, between Washington and the Naval Training Station team, all games scheduled for Norfolk, Va.

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The American League baseball clubs will play 94 exhibition games this coming spring, among which will be three games with Army teams and a dozen representing Naval Training Stations.

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Eddie Kurek, the ice fishing king of the Klopping Unit, promised this writer a mess of fish, but to date, after two fishing expeditions, Eddie still has the first fish to catch. He says that the fish were too big to pull through the hole which he chopped through the ice, near Danbury, Ohio. Don't you believe that one, either?

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Word comes from a reliable source that baseball will not be cut further. To those died-in-the-wool baseball fans, that is very pleasant news.

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"Unconditional Surrender", in my opinion, applies only to the German armies and not to the civilian population. But there are some who think that the term makes the German people fight harder—and costs us lives. Perhaps it would shorten the war if we would tell the German people our terms now.

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During the past three wartime seasons, the American and National Baseball Leagues have raised, for war relief, a total of $2,630,460. Contributions to the baseball equipment fund, which furnishes supplies for teams in the armed forces have totaled $345,445. This is proof that our professional baseball players are not forgetting their pals in military service.

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Rumors are flying that Babe Ruth, the most colorful player in professional baseball is returning to the national sport. It is said that "The Sultan of Swat" will return to the Yankees ball club as a coach, special emphasis on coaching the batters. It would seem good to see the old master in action again.

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Money is no object with the three new owners of the New York Yankees. They each put up a million dollars to complete the sale. Larry Mac Phail has a large bank behind him, Capt. Dan Topping admits he is just rolling in dough, and Del Webb has just about ten million dollars. My favorite amount.

## Men Zealous For Sports

**Commander James J. Tunney, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, says that never before, in his estimation, have the young men of our country shown such zeal for physical education.**

# Lima Bowlers Entered In 2-B Tournament

### *A Mighty Mite From The Auto-Lite*

Martha Madden, of the Auto-Lite Unit, shows championship form in the picture above, taken at the Glenwood alleys, where she bowls with several Auto-Lite girls in the House League. Martha is one of the best bowlers in the league, having reached the 200 mark on several occasions.

## How To Improve Your Bowling

### A Picture Of Simplicity

This is the first article to appear in the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL, taken from the book by Hank Marino, retired undefeated world's champion bowler, and Billy Sixty, bowling editor of the Milwaukee Journal. Sixty is one of three individuals ever to roll two consecutive 300 games. Special permission was granted to the JOURNAL to run these articles.

Bowling appears to be very simple, but as Shakespeare said, "There is more to this than meets the eye." The game is confined to a regulation alley 62 feet 10 inches long by 41 or 42 inches wide. It consists merely of knocking down 10 pins, erect on the far end of the alley, by rolling a ball weighing no more than 16 pounds and not exceeding 27 inches in circumference.

THE TEN PINS
In Standard "Spot" Formation

You need only to select a ball that is comfortably suited to your hand, take the prescribed run of three, four, five, or more steps in natural stride to what is termed the "foul" line, swinging the ball as you run, and then send it on its way to scatter the 10 pins helter-skelter.

That is the picture of simplicity one inevitably one gets upon entering a bowling establishment, and it is a natural reaction. Bowling really look that simple.

Because bowling lends itself excellently to physical conditioning to people of all ages and both sexes, because it is a game of grand fraternalism, and because it has high competitive qualities, it has reached to the farthermost corners of the earth and today is recognized as the world's greatest indoor sport.

## Hank Marino Permits Use of Bowling Book

Starting in this issue of THE TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL, a series of bowling lessons and illustrations will be given, taken from the book on "Bowling," by Hank Marino, by special permission of the author.

Hank Marino was the first "Doctor of Tensticks," having been a teacher of bowling to the students at the University of Chicago. He has won every major championship tournament, in one event or another, including the international all-events, in Berlin, Germany, in 1936. He was anchor man on the Heil Quality Products team of Milwaukee in the four years that it held the American match championship, and he was America's match champion for four years.

Marino retired undefeated because the pressure of conducting his successful bowling business in Milwaukee became so great that he could ill afford the time needed for practice and travel needed to defend his title.

Many members of Local 12, interested in the finer points of bowling, have requested that the series of lessons by the world famous bowler be run in the JOURNAL.

## National Supply Stages Keen Bowling Dual

By Ed Mandy

National Supply teams No. 1 and No. 2 had quite a duel on Monday night with the No. 1 club edging the latter in two close decisions. Hester Black, who hit the local honor roll with an even 600, had a big 234 in the second game, but Chet Zielinski matched that and with Redman's 201 salvaged team No. 2's lone win by a 22-pin margin. In addition to his brilliant 236 effort, Zielinski added 213 and 159 for a 608 total, which took honors for the evening.

League leading W- team No. 1 swet three games from Standard Commutators to hold their three-game edge over American Can,s who were also sweeing three from Willys verland No. 2. There may be a gas shortage, but Frank Muszynski is sure cooking with gas on the bowling lanes, carrying close to a 200 average this past month.

National Supply No. 3 kept pace with the leaders by sweeping three from Mather Spring. H. Campbell's 547 was tops in this series.

### Bingham Hits Season High

Bingham Stamping and Standard Communtator were in top form Wednesday night, every man shooting over the 500 mark. The Bingham Press boys featured a huge 1029 game, the highest yet bowled in Local 12 leagues this season, but dropped the other two games to the league leaders. C. Suchola, 243; Jim Czerniak, 232, and J. Penski, 201, were the reasons for the big game.

Ransom & Randolph and Toledo Pressed Steel had a fued of their own. Both clubs fighting to stay out of the league cellar. After th shooting was over, the Pressed Steel boys were stuck with the cellar position by a one-game margin.

DeVilbiss was only shooting mediocre scores but were good enough to take two from Toledo Steel Products, who were not up to their usual form.

Mather Spring rolled without opposition. Gordon Bumper team had to attend the steward and committee banquet.

### Jeepmen Hit Top Form

Jeep Exports, currently the hottest team in Local 12 leagues, shot an excellent 2774 total to sweep three games from DeVilbiss No. 1, who weren't doing so bad themselves, but had the misfortune to shoot against the Jeep boys while they're in their hot streak.

Mel Aumiller, who's sporting the league's high average, improved that average by posting a brilliant 639 series for the Jeep crew. F. Pieper, 550, and A. Poitinger, 549, were high for DeVilbiss.

Willys verland improved their chances for second place by trimming DeVilbiss No. 2 for two games and dropping one. Ed Czerniak blasted the maples for a 590 total for W-, while H. Bradshaw, 503, was the best DeVilbiss could post.

Acklin Stamping had quite a time with the Shippers, just nosing the latter out in two sets and getting nosed out themselves in the last setto.

## Northwestern Ohio Units To Send Teams Here

The first out-of-town entry returned for the Second Annual Regional 2-B Handicap Bowling Tournament was received by Ed Mandy, tournament manager, when the Superior Coach Corp. bowlers sent word that they wished to be placed on the schedule. Many other teams from Northwestern Ohio have expressed their intentions of being represented in the tournament

The prize money, which will be 100% of the entry fees, will be more than $1500. The bowlers will compete, also, for the large, beautiful trophy which was donated by Valentine theater. A team must win the trophy three times to become permanent owners of it. Members of the winning team, by actual pinfall, will be presented with smaller trophies, and engraved medals will be awarded to the handicap winners.

The Willys-Overland All Stars, last year's tournament winners, and also city champions, are entered, and will be strong favorites to repeat. However, there are several powerful teams who want revenge this year and are out to block the efforts of the former champions. The team representing the Toledo Industrial Union Council, as well as some good teams from the Spicer Unit, will be in there trying for top money. The Auto-Lite Unit, also, promises to send some teams containing top notch Toledo bowlers to try to "take home the bacon."

The tournament will be held on Feb. 24 and 25, and March 3 and 4, in the Bowl-O-Drome alleys, 2521 Collingwood Blvd. Entries must be mailed on or before Feb. 16, to Ed Mandy, 425 Winthrop St. For information concerning the tournament, call Local 12, MAin 9126, extension 29.

**LANSING, Feb. 9**—First reported instance this season of so-called "winter kill" of fish in Michigan's inland lakes has occured practically at the state conservation department's front door.

Thick ice and a snow covering have blocked the sun's rays from the water in Jones lake on the northwest edge of Lansing, stopping oxygen production, and fish are dying as a consequence.

Little, known to Washington correspondents as a member of their own ranks who went into the Labor Divisions of OPM and WPB to give both the daily press and the labor press a real picture of labor's contribution to the war effort, was formerly a staff member of the Washington Daily News and the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance.

**"Adolph the Second" must** have an oxygen mask if he's to help bomb other skunks from the 28,000-foot level over Japan.

So writes his new master, Lt. E. H. Murphy of Detroit, pilot of a bomber soon to be sent to the Pacific theater from an Oklahoma airfield.

The skunk, a replacement mascot sent from the conservation department's Swan Creek wildlife experiment station near here, will accompany the crew. Another skunk, sent earlier, escped.

### Army Life Rafts For Sale

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Want an Army five-man pneumatic life raft, complete with a sea-anchor, a pump, repair kit, bucket, four plugs, and 40 feet of cord? New rafts, each rolled and packed into a carrying case, can now be bought from the Treasury Dept. Procurement Division at $84.50 to wholesalers and $99.50 to retailers. Used rafts are 25% less. A newly developed type which will hold up better in rough water has made obsolete the ones now being offered for sale.

## Under Ohio Skies

AS TOLD BY The CONSERVATION DIVISION

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